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THERE FOLLOWS A LISTING OF SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RESPONDED TO BY STATION KOMU-TV THROUGH ITS NEWS PROGRAMMING FOR THE PERIOD October 1st, 2009 TO December 31st, 2009. THE LISTING IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE, BUT INSTEAD SHOWS THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF COVERAGE. THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ISSUES APPEAR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PRIORITY OR SIGNIFICANCE.

4th QUARTER ISSUES: CONSUMER ISSUES, CRIME, DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, JOBS/ECONOMY

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE	PROGRAM/ SEGMENT	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Six	10/1	6 PM		<p>VERIZON WIRELESS IS CLOSING TWO CALL CENTERS IN MISSOURI AND KANSAS, ELIMINATING NEARLY 300 JOBS.</p> <p>THE COMPANY WILL CLOSE ITS CALL CENTER IN SPRINGFIELD ON DECEMBER FIFTH.</p> <p>VERIZON INHERITED BOTH CENTERS FROM WIRELESS PROVIDER ALLTEL, WHICH VERIZON ACQUIRED EARLIER THIS YEAR</p>
Government	KOMU News at Ten	10/2	10 PM		<p>GOOD NEWS FOR MISSOURI FARMERS... GOVERNOR JAY NIXON SIGNED PAPERWORK TO SELL MISSOURI GRAIN TO TAIWAN.</p> <p>K-O-M-U 8'S SONGLEE HAN EXPLAINS HOW THE STATE BOOSTED ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNTRY.</p> <p>MISSOURI IS NOT THE ONLY STATE TO SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO PURCHASE.</p> <p>THE TRADE MISSION DELEGATION'S DESTINATIONS WILL ALSO COVER OTHER STATES IN THE WEST AND MIDWEST.</p>
Health	KOMU News at Ten	10/3	10 pm	:27	<p>THE FIRST BATCH OF SWINE FLU VACCINES SHOULD ARRIVE AT HOSPITALS, DOCTOR'S OFFICES AND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE NEXT WEEK...</p> <p>BUT STATE OFFICIALS SAY EVEN THE FIRST SHIPMENTS OF THE VACCINE MAY NOT GET</p>

					<p>ADMINISTERED UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 12TH.</p> <p>THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES SAYS THE INITIAL SHIPMENT OF MORE THAN 34 THOUSAND DOSES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN WILL BE A NASAL SPRAY FORM OF THE VACCINE.</p> <p>MORE DOSES ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS.</p>
Consumer	KOMU News at Ten	10/4	10 pm	:27	<p>IN JULY, THE MINIMUM WAGE JUMPED TO 7.25 AN HOUR.</p> <p>IT MARKS THE FINAL INCREASE IN A THREE STEP FEDERAL PROGRAM.</p> <p>TWO MONTHS LATER THE EFFECTS OF THE INCREASE ARE HAVING AN IMPACT.</p> <p>IN THIS 8 ON YOUR MONEY REPORT KOMU 8'S LAURA NICHOLS LOOKS AT WHO'S CASHING IN AND WHO'S GETTING HURT BY THE NEW MINIMUM WAGE. MISSOURI'S MINIMUM WAGE IS RECALCULATED EVERY JANUARY BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.</p> <p>EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THEIR WORKERS WHATEVER IS HIGHER... THE STATE OR FEDERAL WAGE.</p>
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	10/5	10 pm	:40	<p>A MAN IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER BEING SHOT IN THE FACE THIS MORNING IN COLE COUNTY.</p> <p>2-7</p> <p>ABOUT 5- A-M A GROUP OF ABOUT 4 OR 5 PEOPLE BURST INTO ANDY SCHULTZ'S HOUSE AND STARTED DEMANDING MONEY.</p> <p>SOMEONE PUNCHED SCHULTZ IN THE FACE TWO TIMES BEFORE A GUNSHOT BROUGHT EVERYTHING TO A HALT.</p> <p>THE ROBBERS GOT AWAY LEAVING ONE MAN BLEEDING IN FRONT OF SCHULTZ'S DOOR.</p> <p>AS OF RIGHT NOW THE COLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOESN'T HAVE ANYONE IN CUSTODY. WHITE SAYS EVEN THOUGH SCHULTZ DIDN'T KNOW THE ROBBERS, THERE'S REASON TO BELIEVE THEY KNEW</p>

					<p>WHAT WAS IN THE TRAILER.</p> <p>THE SHERIFF THINKS THE MAN WHO WAS SHOT WAS PART OF THE GROUP ROBBING SCHULTZ.</p>
Education	KOMU News at Six	10/6	6 pm	1:20	<p>PLANS FOR COLUMBIA'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ARE WELL UNDERWAY, NOW IT EVEN HAS A NAME...</p> <p>WHILE LOTS OF PLANS FOR THE SCHOOL ARE FINALIZED--WHEN IT WILL ACTUALLY BE BUILT IS UP IN THE AIR. FATHER AUGUSTINE TOLTON REGIONAL CATHOLIC HIGH.</p> <p>A NAME WITHOUT A SCHOOL.</p> <p>THAT'S UNTIL MONEY IS RAISED FOR THE GROUND-BREAKING.</p> <p>TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PLANS FOR THE SCHOOL, CLICK THE LINK NEXT TO THE STORY ON KOMU DOT COM.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at Ten	10/7	10 pm	1:45	<p>AS COLUMBIA LEADERS TALK ABOUT RAISING TAXES, THEY MIGHT BE LOOKING IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION.</p> <p>IT'S CALLED A "USE TAX" AND IT'S CHARGED ON ANYTHING YOU BUY FROM OUT OF STATE.</p> <p>IN TONIGHT'S 8-ON-YOUR-MONEY REPORT.... KOMU 8'S KYLE STOKES EXPLAINS THE IDEA AND WHY ONE COLUMBIA BUSINESS OWNER DOESN'T LIKE IT. MAYOR HINDMAN SAYS THE TAX WILL LIKELY ONLY AFFECT BUSINESSES.</p> <p>THAT'S BECAUSE THE FIRST 2-THOUSAND DOLLARS YOU SPEND OUT-OF-STATE EACH YEAR IS EXEMPTED FROM THE TAX... SO MOST ONLINE SHOPPERS WOULDN'T QUALIFY TO PAY.</p>
Government	KOMU News at Six	10/8	6 pm	:44	<p>THE MISSOURI SUPREME COURT PUT AN END TUESDAY TO A LEGAL CASE BROUGHT BY SOME GASCONADE COUNTY VOTERS AGAINST THEIR COMMISSIONERS.</p> <p>THE SUIT BEGAN WHEN SANDRA LACKMAN AND MATT PENNING CHARGED COMMISSIONER JERRY</p>

					<p>LAIRMORE AND FORMER COMMISSIONER MAX AUBUCHON TOOK PAY RAISES THEY WEREN'T ENTITLED TO GET.</p> <p>THE CITIZENS, BACKED BY A STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT, WON THEIR ORIGINAL TRIAL.</p> <p>BUT AN APPEALS COURT OVERTURNED IT IN JUNE, AND THE STATE SUPREME COURT RULED THIS WEEK IT WOULD NOT HEAR THE CASE.</p> <p>KOMU 8 NEWS TRIED TO REACH THE PARTIES OF THE CASE TODAY FOR COMMENT.</p> <p>ONLY COMMISSIONER LAIRMORE WOULD RETURN OUR CALLS.</p> <p>LAIRMORE IS OUT OF TOWN, BUT TOLD US HE IS ABSOLUTELY RELIEVED THE CASE IS OVER.</p> <p>HE SAYS THREE YEARS WAS A LONG TIME FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY TO DEAL WITH ALL OF THE LEGAL MATTERS.</p>
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	10/9	10 pm	:22	<p>MURDER AND ARSON CHARGES ARE FILED IN OSAGE COUNTY.</p> <p>TODAY, PROSECUTORS CHARGED LISA WILLER AND JOHNATHAN THARP WITH SECOND DEGREE MURDER AND ARSON FOR THE DEATH OF LINN STATE TECH STUDENT DANIEL MITTENBURG.</p> <p>DEPUTIES SAY WILLER AND THARP WERE MAKING METH WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN AN ADJOINING APARTMENT WHEN THE FIRE BROKE OUT..</p> <p>THAT FIRE KILLED MITTENBURG NEXT DOOR.</p>
Drug/Alcohol	KOMU News at Ten	10/10	10 pm	:30	<p>COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS CANNED THE CITY'S DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION OR DARE PROGRAM THIS SUMMER.</p> <p>BUT THE BOONE COUNTY DARE PROGRAM IS STILL ALIVE.</p> <p>TODAY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE CAME TOGETHER TO PROMOTE DARE IN MID-MISSOURI.</p> <p>BOONE COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPUTY'S ALONG WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM AROUND THE STATE WANT THEIR PRESENCE FELT.</p>

					<p>DEPUTY FOWLER ORGANIZED A CAR SHOW AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE BOONE COUNTY DARE PROGRAM WITH A MESSAGE IN MIND.</p> <p>YOU MIGHT HAVE NOTICED A FAMOUS RACE CAR IN THIS STORY - CARL EDWARDS HAD HIS NUMBER 99 FIRST WIN ATLANTA CUP CAR ON DISPLAY.</p> <p>PROCEEDS FROM THE FUNDRAISER WILL ALSO GO TO THE MISSOURI HONOR FLIGHT.</p>
Consumer	KOMU News at Ten	10/11	10 pm	:31	<p>SOME GOOD NEWS TODAY FOR DRIVERS.</p> <p>THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR A GALLON OF GAS IS LOWER THAN IT WAS TWO WEEKS AGO.</p> <p>THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR REGULAR UNLEADED IS NOW TWO FORTY-SEVEN.</p> <p>THAT'S A DROP OF FOUR AND A HALF CENTS A GALLON.</p> <p>CHEYENNE, WYOMING HAS THE LOWEST AVERAGE PRICE AT TWO-SIXTEEN A GALLON.</p> <p>FAIRBANKS, ALASKA IS HIGHEST AT THREE TWENTY-THREE FOR A GALLON.</p> <p>AT THIS COLUMBIA GAS STATION WE SAW REGULAR GAS PRICES AT TWO TWENTY NINE.</p> <p>ON GAS TRACKING WEBSITES, THE AVERAGE FOR COLUMBIA IS TWO TWENTY SEVEN.</p> <p>THAT'S ABOUT 20 CENTS LOWER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.</p>
Education	KOMU News at Six	10/12	6 pm	:30	<p>MOBERLY AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN COLUMBIA IS SCATTERED AROUND TOWN LEASING CLASSROOMS FROM M-U AND STEPHENS COLLEGE.</p> <p>KOMU EIGHT'S MARK KELLY EXPLAINS WITH ENROLLMENT UP TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DECIDED TO BUILD A HOME OF ITS OWN.</p> <p>THAT SQUARE FOOTAGE IS MORE THAN DOUBLE THE SCHOOL'S CURRENT CLASSROOM SPACE IN COLUMBIA.</p> <p>ROSS SAYS MORE THAN 1,500 STUDENTS MEANS MORE BUSINESS FOR THIS STRETCH OF BUSINESS LOOP 70.</p> <p>A COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPOKESPERSON SAYS THE NEW EDUCATION SPACE AT THE PARKADE CENTER WILL</p>

					SOLVE ONE OF ITS BIGGEST PROBLEMS...PARKING FOR MORE THAN ONE-THOUSAND STUDENTS.
Health	KOMU News at Ten	10/13	10 pm	:25	<p>RED CROSS OFFICIALS SAY THE H-1-N-1 VIRUS WILL <i>NOT</i> AFFECT THIS YEAR'S HOMECOMING BLOOD DRIVE. THEY THINK M-U HAS ALREADY SEEN THE WORST OF THE SWINE FLU.</p> <p>OFFICIALS SAY THEY HAVEN'T NOTICED A DECLINE IN REGULAR DONATIONS AND EXPECT THE SAME WITH THE BLOOD DRIVE.</p> <p>THE HOMECOMING STEERING COMMITTEE SAYS THE SWINE FLU IMPACTS THE DRIVE NO MORE THAN THE REGULAR FLU.</p> <p>TO GET THE FULL LIST OF REASONS FOR DEFERRAL, CLICK THE LINK ON THE SIDE OF THIS STORY AT KOMU DOT COM.</p>
Crime	KOMU News at Six	10/14	6 pm	:30	<p>TUESDAY NIGHT WAS A NIGHT FOR FIGHTING IN MID-MISSOURI LAST NIGHT.</p> <p>IN JEFFERSON CITY, POLICE SAY IT WAS A CASE OF FIVE VS. ONE.... WITH A WOULD-BE ROBBER TRYING TO ROB FIVE PEOPLE AND GETTING SHOT IN THE PROCESS.</p> <p>EAST CAPITOL AVENUE IS FORMERLY KNOWN FOR HAVING CRIMINALS ON IT...BUT USUALLY THEY WERE STUCK INSIDE THE BIG HOUSE.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY MORNING, POLICE ARRESTED A MAN ACCUSED OF STARTING A SHOOT-OUT TUESDAY NIGHT ON EAST CAPITOL.</p> <p>POLICE SAY THIRTY-SEVEN YEAR OLD PATRICK EVANS OF SAINT LOUIS ATTEMPTED TO ROB A GROUP OF FIVE MEN.</p> <p>BOTH SHOOTERS WERE SHOT, SUFFERING NON-LIFE THREATENING BULLET WOUNDS.</p> <p>POLICE SAY ATTEMPTS TO FIND EVANS TUESDAY NIGHT WERE HAMPERED BY HEAVY RAIN AND DARKNESS.</p>
Government	KOMU News	10/15	10 pm	:30	THE PRIZE GOES TO REPUBLICAN ROY BLUNT... AT

	at Ten				<p>LEAST FOR THIS QUARTER.</p> <p>DEMOCRAT AND CURRENT SECRETARY OF STATE ROBIN CARNAHAN CAME IN AT A CLOSE SECOND, THOUGH.</p> <p>CURRENT U-S REPRESENTATIVE ROY BLUNT REPORTED THAT HE RAISED 1 POINT 3 MILLION DOLLARS FROM JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER.</p> <p>CARNAHAN RAISED JUST LESS THAN 1 POINT 1 MILLION DOLLARS.</p> <p>THIS MARKS THE SECOND QUARTER IN A ROW THAT BLUNT HAS RAISED MORE MONEY THAN CARNAHAN.</p> <p>THE TWO CAMPAIGNS WILL EACH HAVE A VERY DIFFERENT APPROACH.</p>
Education	KOMU News at 6	10/16	6 pm	:30	<p>THE PROBLEM...TEACHERS DOING MORE PAPERWORK THAN CLASS WORK.</p> <p>THE SOLUTION...A MILLION DOLLAR GIFT TO MIZZOU'S MED SCHOOL.</p> <p>THE GIFT FROM HUSBAND AND WIFE JEAN BAKER AND GEORGE HUGGINS WILL FUND AN ENDOWED CHAIR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS, GYNECOLOGY AND WOMEN'S HEALTH.</p> <p>THESE DAYS, ENDOWED TEACHING POSITIONS DO TOO MUCH PAPERWORK TO TEACH.</p> <p>AFTER GRADUATING FROM M-U FOUR DECADES AGO, HUGGINS HAS TAUGHT AT THREE UNIVERSITIES...</p> <p>AND FROM THAT EXPERIENCE HE WANTS HIS GIFT TO PAY FOR MORE TIME IN THE CLASSROOM.</p>
Consumer	KOMU News at Six	10/17	6 pm	:40	<p>THIS YEAR'S GROWTH COMES DOWN TO A VARIETY OF THINGS, INCLUDING GOOD WEATHER AND MORE FARMERS USING GENETICALLY- MODIFIED SEEDS.</p> <p>IN FACT, MORE THAN 90 PER-CENT OF SOYBEANS ARE GENETICALLY- MODIFIED.</p> <p>AND IF YOU'RE BUYING BEER, BREAD, BIOFUEL, COSMETICS, EVEN PET FOOD, YOU'RE USING THOSE SOYBE 80 PERCENT OF ALL FATS AND OILS CONSUMED IN THE U.S. ARE MADE FROM SOYBEANS - SOME ARE PRODUCED IN A WAY THAT CREATE TRANS FATS - THE</p>

					<p>BAD KIND OF FAT.</p> <p>BUT... NEXT YEAR, SCIENTISTS PLAN ON RELEASING A GENETICALLY- MODIFIED SOYBEAN THAT WILL NOT PRODUCE TRANS FATS.</p> <p>IN FACT, IT WILL BE MORE LIKE OLIVE OIL.</p> <p>THIS MEANS YOUR RISK OF HEART DISEASE DROPS BECAUSE FARMERS ARE STOPPING TRANS FATS... <u>AT THE ROOT.</u></p> <p>ANS... PROBABLY WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING IT.</p>
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Ten	10/18	10 pm	:35	<p>COUNCILMAN JERRY WADE WANTS A TO PUT A HOLD ON NEW PAYDAY LOAN BUSINESSES IN COLUMBIA FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.</p> <p>PAYDAY LOAN COMPANIES MAKE UNSECURED LOANS UP TO 500-DOLLARS, GIVING CONSUMERS CASH UNTIL THEIR NEXT PAYDAY.</p> <p>THEY'RE ALL OVER TOWN - COMPANIES OFFERING TO MAKE LOANS WITHOUT A CREDIT CHECK.</p> <p>THEY'RE CALLED PAYDAY LOAN BUSINESSES AND COLUMBIA HAS 21 OF THEM.</p> <p>COUNCILMAN JERRY WADE SAYS THAT'S ENOUGH.</p> <p>ALTHOUGH WADE SAYS HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD DO, HE DOES SAY THAT TWO NEW REGULATIONS MAY BE APPROPRIATE - A CAP ON INTEREST RATES AND NEW ZONING RESTRICTIONS FOR WHERE ANY NEW BUSINESSES CAN BE LOCATED.</p> <p>WE CONTACTED SEVERAL PAYDAY LOAN COMPANIES TODAY, BUT DIDN'T GET A RESPONSE BECAUSE THEY'RE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS.</p>
Government	KOMU News at Ten	10/19	10 pm	:55	<p>THE MISSOURI ROUNDTABLE FOR LIFE FILED THIS BALLOT INITIATIVE BACK IN SEPTEMBER, SEEKING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDEMENT THAT WOULD AFFECT STEM CELL RESEARCH FUNDING.</p> <p>TODAY THE SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFIED THE BALLOT LANGUAGE.</p> <p>THAT MEANS MISSOURI ROUNDTABLE FOR LIFE CAN START GATHERING SIGNATURES TO GET THE MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 20-10 BALLOT.</p> <p>THE AMENDMENT WOULD KEEP STATE OR LOCAL</p>

					<p>GOVERNMENTS FROM GIVING GRANTS FOR STEM CELL RESEARCH TO HOSPITALS OR OTHER INSTITUTIONS.</p> <p>EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE STATE AUDITOR SENT A REPORT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, CITING THE HIGH COST TO THE STATE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT, ESPECIALLY THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SYSTEM.</p> <p>FOR EXAMPLE, THE REPORT SAYS FUNDING FOR RESEARCH SALARIES WOULD SUFFER</p> <p>SO WOULD THE UNIVERSITY'S ABILITY TO SUPPORT AND GROW NEW TECHNOLOGIES</p> <p>AND ITS ABILITY TO ATTRACT LEADING MEDICAL RESEARCHERS AND PHYSICIANS.</p> <p>ONE GROUP AGAINST THE BALLOT INITIATIVE AGREES THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WOULD HURT THE ECONOMY.</p>
Drug/Alcohol	KOMU News at Six	10/20	6 pm	:18	<p>A SEDALIA WOMAN SAYS SHE ISN'T TO BLAME FOR THE DEATH OF MAN WHO OVERDOSED ON PAINKILLERS.</p> <p>DEBORAH HAYES IS CHARGED WITH SECOND DEGREE MURDER FOR PROVIDING OXYCONTIN PILLS TO 36-YEAR-OLD RANDY ARNDT.</p> <p>HAYES PLEAD NOT GUILTY TODAY AND ALSO PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGES.</p>
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	10/21	10 pm	:24	<p>THE THIRD DAY OF THE MCDONALD'S MURDER TRIAL WRAPPED TODAY - - DEFENDANT WILLIAM CLINCH SAYS AFTER SHOOTING JEREMY BOHANNON HE FELT REGRET.</p> <p>CLINCH TESTIFIED ON THE STAND ALL DAY TODAY.</p> <p>THE DEFENDANT SAID HE LOOKED BOHANNON IN THE EYES WHEN HE SHOT HIM IN SEPTEMBER 2007.</p> <p>HE ALSO SAID HE KILLED BOHANNON TO PROTECT HIS NIECES AND NEPHEW.</p> <p>CLINCH IS THE DEFENSE'S FIRST WITNESS TO TESTIFY.</p>
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Six	10/22	6 pm	:30	<p>THE ECONOMIC RECESSION IS NOW IMPACTING MISSOURI'S STATE PARKS.</p>

					<p>THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CUT MORE THAN 100 STATE PARK JOBS THIS WEEK.</p> <p>D-N-R COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR TRAVIS FORD SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD NO CHOICE.</p> <p>BUT PARK VISITORS SAY THERE WILL BE A NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE.</p> <p>SALES TAX REVENUE IS EXPECTED TO DECREASE ANOTHER SIX PERCENT IN 2010.</p> <p>THE STATE FIRST CUT PARK PROGRAMS, AND THEN BEGAN THE LAYOFFS BECAUSE THAT WAS NOT ENOUGH.</p> <p>VISITORS HOPE THE QUALITY OF THE STATE'S PARKS WON'T SUFFER.</p> <p>D-N-R SAID THE CUTS ARE NOT RELATED TO THE E. COLI CONTROVERSY AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS.</p>
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	10/23	10 pm	:59	<p>A DEVASTATING END TO A SEARCH, IT HAD MID-MIS THE BODY OF 9-YEAR-OLD ELIZABETH OLTEN WAS FOUND ABOUT 3:00 THIS AFTERNOON IN A WOODED AREA NOT FAR FROM THE GIRL'S HOME.. MISSOURI HOLDING ITS BREATH.</p> <p>ELIZABETH WENT MISSING WEDNESDAY NIGHT WHEN SHE NEVER MADE IT HOME FROM A FRIEND'S HOUSE JUST DOWN THE ROAD.</p> <p>THIS AFTERNOON WRITTEN AND PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ALONG WITH A PERSON OF INTEREST LED THE SHERIFF TO TO THE SPOT WHERE THEY FOUND HER BODY.</p> <p>SHE WAS THE YOUNGEST OF FIVE CHILDREN.</p> <p>AT THIS TIME A LOCAL BOY IS IN CUSTODY CONNECTED WITH THE DISSAPPEARANCE OF WHAT FAMILY AND FRIENDS CALLED A WONDERFUL, HAPPY LITTLE GIRL.</p> <p>AT THIS TIME THE FAMILY IS ASKING FOR DONATIONS TO BE SENT TO TWO FUNDS -- THE ELIZABETH OLTEN MEMORIAL FUND, AND THE ANTHONY OLTEN EDUCATION FUND.</p> <p>ANTHONY IS ELIZABETH'S OLDER BROTHER.</p> <p>FAMILY MEMBERS REMEMBER ELIZABETH AS THE</p>

					SHY CHILD WHO LOVED SLEEPOVERS, AND CARED VERY MUCH FOR HER FAMILY.
Consumer	KOMU News at Six	10/24	6 pm	:30	<p>TODAY IS <u>NATIONAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY</u>, AND COLUMBIA'S SUPERIOR GARDEN CENTER SHOWED ITS SPIRIT BY HOSTING THE FOURTEENTH-ANNUAL "<i>TREE DAYS</i>."</p> <p>THIS IS THE ONLY DAY OF THE YEAR CUSTOMERS CAN VISIT THE FARM IN FAYETTE WHERE THE CENTER'S TREES ARE GROWN.</p> <p>WITH THE PURCHASE OF THREE TREES, THE GARDEN CENTER DONATED TWO TREES TO EITHER THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OR COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.</p> <p>GRAZNAK SAID THE FIRST CUSTOMER ARRIVED AT THE FARM AT 8 A-M, AND PEOPLE CONTINUED SHOWING UP TO PURCHASE DIFFERENT TYPES OF TREES THROUGH THREE P-M.</p>
Health	KOMU News at Ten	10/25	10 pm	:25	<p>IT WAS A COLORFUL DAY AT LOCAL FIREHOUSES TODAY.</p> <p>KOMU 8'S ELIZABETH BILLINGSLEY SHOWS US HOW A CHANGE FROM BLUES TO OTHER HUES CAN HELP RAISE AWARENESS.</p> <p>THAT'S RIGHT - FIREFIGHTERS IN PINK DUTY T-SHIRTS.</p> <p>THEY'RE DOING IT TO RAISE AWARENESS AND MONEY FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH. ACROSS THE STATE, FIREFIGHTERS ARE WEARING PINK AS PART OF THE MISSOURI STATE COUNCIL OF FIREFIGHTER'S AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.</p> <p>THEY'VE RAISED MORE THAN 14-HUNDRED DOLLARS SO FAR BY SELLING THE T-SHIRTS.</p> <p>THE FULTON FIRE STATION STILL HAS A FEW T-SHIRTS FOR SALE AND IS LOOKING FOR A LOCAL CHARITY TO RECEIVE THE PROCEEDS.</p>
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Ten	10/26	10 pm	:30	<p>A BIG EMPTY BUILDING IN MEXICO COULD MEAN ABOUT 100 NEW JOBS.</p> <p>THE FORMER A-P GREEN BUILDING SITS RIGHT OFF OF BUSINESS 54 IN MEXICO, BUT BUSINESS HASN'T GONE ON HERE SINCE 2002.</p> <p>SO, THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC</p>

					<p>DEVELOPMENT IS HELPING TO GIVE THIS OLD FACTORY A FACELIFT.</p> <p>IT'S ALL PART OF BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT FOCUSES ON CLEARING HAZERDOUS MATERIALS OUT OF UNUSED BUILDINGS SO COMMUNITIES CAN PUT THEM BACK IN USE</p> <p>THE COMPANY THAT OWNS THE BUILDING, MID-AMERICA BRICK AND STRUCTURAL PRODUCTS, WILL NOT ONLY REVAMP THE BUILDING, BUT WILL ALSO RESTART THE BRICKMAKING COMPANY.</p> <p>MEXICO GETS RID OF A VACANT RUSTY BUILDING, BUT ALSO HAS A CHANCE FOR MORE THAN 70 NEW JOBS ONCE THE FACTORY IS REOPENED.</p>
Government	KOMU News at Six	10/27	6 pm	1:10	<p>THIS WET WEATHER IS NOT ALLOWING FARMERS TO GET INTO THEIR FIELDS. THE RAIN HAS BEEN A PROBLEM THE ENTIRE GROWING SEASON.</p> <p>PROBLEMS STARTED IN THE SPRING FOR MANY MID-MISSOURI FARMERS.</p> <p>WET CONDITIONS MEANT THEY COULDN'T PLANT, MAKING THE HARVEST SEASON LATER THAN USUAL. BUT WITH MORE THAN NINE INCHES OF RAIN THIS MONTH, FARMERS ARE UNABLE TO WORK IN THEIR FIELDS.</p> <p>IF THESE WEATHER PATTERNS CONTINUE, IT COULD BE DEVASTATING FOR FARMERS BUT THERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS.</p> <p>THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SAID YESTERDAY A RULE IS CHANGING IN AN EXISTING LOAN PROGRAM.</p> <p>FARMERS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE SINGLE PURPOSE ANIMAL LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM WILL NOW GET A 50 PERCENT GUARANTEE ON LOANS UP TO \$250,000.</p> <p>THE MOVE WILL MOSTLY CATER TO A SPECIFIC GROUP OF FARMERS.</p> <p>THIS WON'T COST THE STATE MUCH MONEY, BECAUSE THERE IS ALREADY MONEY SET ASIDE, AND FARMERS WILL CONTINUE GETTING LOANS FROM THEIR OWN</p>

					<p>BANK.</p> <p>THE CHANGE IS GOING INTO EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 2.</p> <p>AS FOR A SOLUTION FOR HARVEST DELAYS, KRUSE SAYS IT ISN'T ROCKET SCIENCE.</p> <p>HE SAYS FARMERS JUST HAVE TO HOPE FOR A LITTLE SUNSHINE.</p>
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	10/28	10 pm	:45	<p>BY OPENING THE NOVEMBER HEARING, THE JUDGE WILL PERMIT THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ATTEND.</p> <p>AT THAT CERTIFICATION HEARING, JUDGE BEETEM WILL DECIDE WHETHER THE FIFTEEN YEAR OLD SUSPECT WILL BE TRIED AS A JUVENILE OR AN ADULT.</p> <p>IF JUDGE BEETEM ELECTS TO TRY THE TEENAGER AS AN ADULT, INFORMATION SUCH AS THE SUSPECTS NAME AND SEX BECOMES PUBLIC AS WELL.</p> <p>EXACTLY THE TYPE OF INFORMATION AUTHORITIES HAVE ASKED THE MEDIA NOT TO RELEASE.</p> <p>THE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE SUSPECT ARGUED TODAY THE PUBLICITY OVER THE CASE PREVENTS HIS CLIENT FROM GETTING A FAIR TRIAL.</p> <p>THE PROSECUTION ARGUED THE STATE SUPREME COURT PREVIOUSLY RULED THIS TYPE OF HEARING BE OPEN DUE TO THE SEVERITY OF THE CRIME.</p> <p>ALSO TODAY, THE JUDGE HELD A CLOSED DETENTION HEARING AND DECIDED TO CONTINUE TO HOLD THE JUVENILE SUSPECT IN CUSTODY.</p>
Education	KOMU News at Six	10/29	6 pm	:30	<p>ACCORDING TO A U-S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT, MISSOURI'S ACADEMIC STANDARDS ARE AMONG THE HIGHEST IN THE NATION.</p> <p>THE STUDY COMPARED DIFFERENT STATES' STANDARDS FOR EVALUATING MATH AND READING PROFICIENCY AMONG 4TH AND 8TH GRADERS.</p> <p>IT SUGGESTS THAT MISSOURI HAS THE SECOND HIGHEST STANDARDS IN READING FOR BOTH 4TH AND 8TH GRADERS...</p> <p>THE SECOND HIGHEST STANDARDS IN MATH FOR</p>

					<p>4TH GRADERS, AND THE STATE IS ALSO NUMBER-4 MOST STRINGENT IN MATH FOR 8TH GRADERS. STATE EDUCATION OFFICIALS SAY THE STUDY CONFIRMS MISSOURI'S GOOD STANDING IN ACADEMIC STANDARDS. OFFICIALS SAY THE HIGH RANKINGS HELP MISSOURI TO COMPETE IN EDUCATIONAL GRANTS IN THE FUTURE.</p>
Health	KOMU News at Ten	10/30	10 pm	:30	<p>THE COLUMBIA/ BOONE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS NOW OFFERING THE SWINE FLU VACCINE TO PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHILDREN WITH CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS. PREGNANT WOMEN FROM BOONE COUNTY WILL BE OFFERED THE VACCINE ON A WALK IN BASIS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8 AM TO 4:30 PM. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO OFFER WALK IN HOURS FOR CHILDREN AGES FIVE TO 18-- TUESDAY NOVEMBER THIRD FROM TEN AM TO THREE PM. BOTH VACCINES WILL BE AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST AND CONSENT FORMS FOR KIDS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE.</p>
Consumer	KOMU News at Six	10/31	6 pm	:15	<p>IN THAT <i>EXTRA HOUR</i>, THE COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT URGES CITIZENS TO CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN THEIR SMOKE DETECTORS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SAYS 73 PERCENT OF FAULTY SMOKE DETECTORS COME FROM A PROBLEM AS FIXABLE AS DEAD BATTERIES. IF YOU'RE STRAPPED FOR CASH OR JUST NEED SOME HELP WITH INSTALLATION, YOU CAN CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR A FREE DETECTOR AND INSTALLATION.</p>
Education	KOMU News at Ten	11/1	10 pm	:30	<p>NORTH CALLAWAY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS HOPE THEY'VE FIGURED OUT WHAT THE VOTERS WANT. IN 2006, IT PROPOSED A 7-MILLION DOLLAR BOND</p>

					<p>THAT WOULD HAVE ADDED A JUNIOR HIGH SYSTEM. IT FAILED TWICE. THEN A FACILITY IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION SPENT 18 MONTHS MULLING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. THAT RESULTED IN A PROPOSED 8-POINT-2 MILLION DOLLAR BOND THAT WOULD HAVE ADDED CLASSROOMS TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. THAT PROPOSAL FAILED IN APRIL THIS YEAR ... BY 30 VOTES. THIS TIME THE K THROUGH 8/JUNIOR HIGH ISSUE ISN'T ON THE BALLOT.</p>
Drug/Alcohol	KOMU News at Six	11/2	6 pm	:42	<p>STAFF AT PAXTON KEELEY ELEMENTARY ARE SHAKING THEIR HEADS AT FIFTH GRADERS... TEACHERS RECENTLY DISCOVERED THAT SOME TEN AND ELEVEN YEAR OLDS ARE SNORTING SMARTIES CANDY DURING SCHOOL HOURS. IN A RECENT LETTER TO PARENTS, PAXTON KEELEY PRINCIPAL ELAINE HASSEMER SAID... IT'S COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT SOME FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS ARE PARTICIPATING IN A DANGEROUS ACTIVITY." THE LETTER GOES ON TO SAY... EXPERTS ALSO WORRY THAT THIS TREND COULD SPARK INTEREST IN REAL CIGARETTES OR ILLEGAL DRUGS. TEACHERS BELIEVE STUDENTS GOT THE IDEA FROM YOU-TUBE VIDEOS... THE SCHOOL HAS FOUR INTERNET SAFETY SESSIONS PLANNWE HAVE A LINK ON OUR WEBSITE WITH THE DATE AND TIMES OF THOSE CONFERENCES. JUST GO TO THE LINK AND NUMBERS SECTION ON KOMU-DOT-COM. ED FOR PARENTS NEXT THURSDAY.</p>
Government	KOMU News at Ten	11/3	10 pm	:30	<p>THE VOTES ARE IN... ALL ELECTION RESULTS ARE FINAL THIS MORNING. OUR COVERAGE BEGINS IN AUDRAIN COUNTY, WHERE THE TALK IS ABOUT AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROPOSITION FOR MEXICO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.</p>

					<p>THE PROPOSITION OVERWHELMINGLY PASSED WITH ALL PRECINCTS REPORTING.</p> <p>THIS ALLOWS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO BORROW 8-MILLION DOLLARS TO FUND RENOVATIONS AT MEXICO SCHOOL FACILITIES.</p> <p>THE MONEY WILL GO TO DISTRICT FACILITES LIKE THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TO RENOVATE THE SCHOOLS HEATING AND AIR-CONDITIONG SYSTEMS, INCLUDING REPLACING A BOILER THAT'S NEARLY 15 YEARS OLD.</p>
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Six	11/4	6 pm	:30	<p>NORDYNE MANUFACTURING ANNOUNCED 110 EMPLOYEES WILL LOSE THIER JOBS.</p> <p>IT'S ANOTHER SIGN OF DIFFICULT TIMES IN A TIGHT KNIT COMMUNITY.</p> <p>NORDYNE PLANT MANAGER SAYS A COMBINATION OF THINGS LED TO THE LAYOFFS.</p> <p>CHANGES IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS, DECREASING DEMAND, AND MULTIPLE MANUFACTURING LOCATIONS PLAYED A PART.</p> <p>EMPLOYEES WILL HAVE THEIR JOBS THROUGH THE HOLIDAY SEASON.</p> <p>THEIR LAST DAY IS JANUARY FOURTH.</p>
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	11/5	10 pm	:35	<p>EMOTIONS RAN HIGH IN BOONE COUNTY COURT TONIGHT WHEN THE VERDICTS IN DAMON WILLIAMS' TRIAL CAME DOWN:</p> <p>GUILTY ON ALL THREE COUNTS.</p> <p>A BOONE COUNTY JURY RULED DAMON WILLIAMS WAS GUILTY FOR 1ST DEGREE MURDER, 1ST DEGREE BURGLARY AND HARMFUL ACTION.</p> <p>EMOTIONS ERUPTED IN THE COURTROOM ABOUT 90 MINUTES AGO WHEN THE JUDGE ANNOUNCED THE VERDICTS.</p> <p>FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE DEFENDENT AND THE VICTIM NATHANIEL BENTLEY EXPLODED IN ANGER.</p> <p>THE JUDGE FOUND BOTH WILLIAMS MOTHER AND ANOTHER MAN IN THE GALLERY IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.</p> <p>AND SENTENCED BOTH TO TWO DAYS IN JAIL.</p> <p>INVESTIGATORS SAY WILLIAMS AND FOUR OTHERS WENT TO NATHANIAL BENTLEY'S APARTMENT ON</p>

					<p>PIMLICO DRIVE IN JUNE 2008 LOOKING FOR DRUGS. THAT BURGLARA 1ST DEGREE MURDER CONVICTION IN MISSOURI MEANS LIFE IN PRISON. THE DEFENSE HAS 10 DAYS TO APPEAL AND SAYS IT WILL DO SO. ENDED IN MURDER.</p>
Health	KOMU News at Ten	11/6	10 pm	:30	<p>FLU SEASON IS HERE... AND PEOPLE AREN'T THE ONLY ONES TO GET THE VACCINE. VETERINARIANS ARE RECOMMENDING PEOPLE GET THEIR DOGS VACCINATED FOR THE FLU. IT'S NOT THE SWINE FLU.. BUT THE *H3-N8 VIRUS*.. OR DOG FLU. VETS SAY ANY DOG THAT GOES TO A GROOMER, DOG CARE CENTER, KENNEL, DOG PARK OR VET FREQUENTLY SHOULD GET A VACCINE. THE DOG FLU IS NOT OFTEN FATAL.. DOGS CAN DEVELOP DANGEROUS THINGS LIKE PNEUMONIA.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at Six	11/7	6 pm	:23	<p>MISSOURIANS WILL SOON HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO TEST THEIR LUCK FOR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THE MISSOURI STATE LOTTERY COMMISSION VOTED FRIDAY TO START SELLING LOTTERY TICKETS FOR THE MEGA MILLIONS GAME. LOCAL LOTTERY TICKET SELLERS CAN EXPECT TO SEE THE NEW GAME IN JANUARY. THE ESTIMATED JACKPOT FOR MEGA MILLIONS REACHED 63 MILLION DOLLARS ON FRIDAY. BUT LOCAL EXCITEMENT FOR THE NEW LOTTERY GAME HAS YET TO KICK IN.</p>
Education	KOMU News at Ten	11/8	10 pm	:25	<p>FULTON IS HOME TO CHURCHILL'S FAMOUS "IRON CURTAIN" SPEECH, AND A SECTION OF THE ORIGINAL BERLIN WALL. VISITORS IN FULTON HAVE BEEN SIGNING PANELS AND WRITING MESSAGES OF PEACE AND FREEDOM ON MOCK WALLS LEADING UP TO THE ANNIVERSARY. WESTMINSTER COLLEGE WILL TEAR DOWN THE</p>

					<p>WALL TO COMMEMORATE THE EVENT. ORGANIZERS WILL ALSO HAND OUT PIECES OF THE ACTUAL BERLIN WALL TOMORROW. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT K-O-M-U DOT COM.</p>
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	11/9	10 pm	:30	<p>IT'S BEEN SIX WEEKS SINCE A MID-MISSOURI WOMAN REPORTED THAT SOMEONE ASSAULTED HER OUTSIDE HER BUSINESS.</p> <p>SHE SAYS THE MOBERLY POLICE HAVE NOT TAKEN ANY ACTION YET.</p> <p>STUDIO ONE SALON MOVED TO FIFTH STREET SIX MONTHS AGO, AND NOW THE OWNER SAYS SHE REGRETS HER TEN-YEAR LEASE.</p> <p>SHE SAYS THAT'S BECAUSE HER ATTACKERS WORK IN THE BUILDING NEXT DOOR.</p> <p>MOBERLY POLICE HAVE NOT ARRESTED ANYONE IN THE CASE.</p> <p>PROSECUTORS SAY THEY'RE WAITING FOR ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS BEFORE THEY PRESS CHARGES. FUSSELMAN SAYS THESE DOCUMENTS WILL HELP HIM DECIDE IF THIS IS A MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY CHARGE.</p>
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Six	11/10	6 pm	:30	<p>ABOUT 400 MID-MISSOURIANS HAVE NEW JOBS AT THE HY-VEE GROCERY STORE THAT OPENED IN COLUMBIA.</p> <p>MORE THAN 80 PERCENT OF THOSE EMPLOYEES WORKED DURING TODAY'S GRAND OPENING DAY.</p> <p>HY-VEE BEGAN THE HIRING PROCESS IN SEPTEMBER, WITH ABOUT 2-THOUSAND APPLICANTS.</p> <p>STORE MANAGERS SAY THEY HIRED MOSTLY LOCAL WORKERS.</p> <p>THEY DID BRING IN A FEW WORKERS FROM OTHER STORES FOR MANAGEMENT POSITIONS.</p>
Government	KOMU News at Ten	11/11	10 pm	:30	<p>THERE WAS NO HOSTAGE SITUATION YESTERDAY AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE BUILDING IN JEFFERSON CITY.</p> <p>BUT THERE IS AN INVESTIGATION INTO HOW IT</p>

					<p>HAPPENED.</p> <p>THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HAS OFFICES ON SEVERAL FLOORS.</p> <p>THE REPORT ABOUT THE HOSTAGE SITUATION CAME FROM ONE OF THOSE EMPLOYEES.</p> <p>THE COMMISSION WILL CONDUCT AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER EMPLOYEES FOLLOWED PROPER PROCEEDURE.</p> <p>POLICE ARE ALSO INVESTIGATING YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT WHICH BROUGHT DOWNTOWN JEFFERSON CITY TO A STAND STILL.</p> <p>POLICE SHUT DOWN THE AREA AROUND THE BUILDING, AND EVEN SOME BUSINESSES.</p>
Health	KOMU News at Six	11/12	6 pm	:58	<p>FIGHT OR FLIGHT--IT'S A BASIC HUMAN INSTINCT.</p> <p>YET WORKERS AT THE FULTON STATE HOSPITAL SAY HAVING TO MAKE THAT DECISION IN DANGEROUS SITUATIONS MAY BE LEADING TO MORE VOILENCE AGAINST STAFF.</p> <p>SO EMPLOYEES AND A WORKER'S GROUP ARE PRESSING FOR A CHANGE TO THE CURRENT SYSTEM WORKERS AT THE FULTON STATE HOSPITAL--MISSOURI'S ONLY MAXIMUM SECURITY FORENSIC FACILITY--KNOW THEY'RE WALKING INTO A POTENTIONALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION EVERY DAY.</p> <p>EMPLOYEES OFTEN HAVE TO DECIDE BETWEEN POSSIBLY STAYING AND DEALING WITH A VIOLENT SITUATION OR RUNNING TO A STAFF SUPPORT BUTTON.</p> <p>TODAY EMPLOYEES AND A WORKER'S GROUP CAME TOGETHER TO PRESS THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION TO INSTALL A "MAN-DOWN ALARM SYSTEM" TO MAKE THEIR JOB A BIT SAFER.</p> <p>THERE WERE 14 SERIOUS INJURIES TO STAFF IN 2005, FOLLOWED BY 21 IN 2006, 20 IN 2007 AND JUMPED TO 40 SERIOUS INJURIES IN 2008.</p> <p>JUST FROM JANUARY TO APRIL THERE WERE 14 INSTANCES IN 2009.</p> <p>WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS ALSO NEARLY DOUBLED.</p>

Crime	KOMU News at Ten	11/13	10 pm	:20	<p>AUTHORITIES CHARGED A SIXTH MEMBER OF THE MOHLER FAMILY WITH RAPE TODAY.</p> <p>THAT BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ARRESTS TO SEVEN MEN.</p> <p>PROSECUTORS CHARGED DARREL WAYNE MOHLER TODAY WITH TWO COUNTS OF RAPE.</p> <p>PROSECUTORS HAVE ALREADY CHARGED SIX OTHER MEN WITH FELONIES, INCLUDING FORCIBLE SODOMY, RAPE WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 12 AND USE OF A CHILD IN A SEXUAL PERFORMANCE.</p>
Consumer	KOMU News at Six	11/14	6 pm	:39	<p>TODAY, THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN COLUMBIA HOSTED THOUSANDS OF MODEL TRAINS.</p> <p>THE CENTRAL MISSOURI CHAPTER OF THE TRAIN COLLECTOR'S ASSOCIATION SHOWED OFF THEIR YEARS' WORTH OF COLLECTIONS.</p> <p>PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE STATE BROUGHT IN THEIR TRAIN MODELS FOR SHOW AND <u>SELL</u>.</p> <p>ALL PROCEEDS GO TO COYOTE HILLS CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME- A SHELTER FOR ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN AS WELL AS FAMILIES NEEDING A FRESH START.</p> <p>THE MISSOURI CHAPTER HAS HOSTED THIS EVENT FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS.</p> <p>THE TRAIN CLUB HOSTS THIS EVENT EVERY YEAR IN NOVEMBER.</p> <p>TRAIN LOVERS ALIKE ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO JOIN OR SIMPLY SHOW SUPPORT.</p> <p>THE CHAPTER MEETS AT ROCK QUARRY PARK AT 7:30, ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.</p>

Crime	KOMU News at Ten	11/15	10 pm	:46	<p>A TEENAGER ROBBED A 28-YEAR OLD COLUMBIA MAN AT GUNPOINT AROUND 3 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING TODAY.</p> <p>IT HAPPENED ON THE 43-HUNDRED BLOCK OF WEST BETHANY DRIVE.</p> <p>THE VICTIM SAID HE WAS WALKING ON BETHANY DRIVE WHEN TWO PEOPLE POINTED A HANDGUN AT HIM AND DEMANDED MONEY.</p> <p>POLICE ARRESTED 17 YEAR OLD TEVIN CLARK OF COLUMBIA FOR ROBBERY, ASSAULT AND POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA.</p> <p>POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR THE SECOND SUSPECT.ACROSS TOWN, TWO MASKED ASSAILANTS BROKE INTO THE DUPLEX-STYLE APARTMENT OF TWO WOMEN.</p> <p>THE SUSPECTS KICKED IN THE FRONT DOOR, POINTED A HANDGUN AT THE WOMEN AND HELD THEM ON THE FLOOR.</p> <p>THE VICTIMS WERE NOT INJURED, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE ROBBED OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS</p> <p>ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT EITHER OF THESE TWO CRIMES IS ASKED TO CALL THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR CRIMESTOPPERS AT 573-875-TIPS.</p>
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Six	11/16	6 pm	:30	<p>ACCORDING TO C-N-N MONEY, JEFFERSON CITY IS THE NUMBER 20 SMALL METRO AREA IN THE U-S TO START A SMALL BUSINESS.</p> <p>IN THIS 8 ON YOUR MONEY REPORT, K-O-M-U 8'S MICHELLE FLANDREAU TALKED TO A BUSINESS OWNER WHO HELPED THE CITY MAKE THE LIST.</p> <p>THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND BUSINESSES IN JEFFERSON CITY.</p> <p>AND 85 PERCENT OF THOSE EMPLOY 20 OR FEWER PEOPLE.</p> <p>THOMPSON SAYS JEFFERSON CITY IS UNIQUE BECAUSE IT DRAWS IN PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY FOR BUSINESS.THE JEFFERSON CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAUNCHED A NEW SMALL BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION.</p> <p>THE WINNER GETS FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO</p>

					START THEIR OWN BUSINESS.
Government	KOMU News at Ten	11/17	10 pm	:32	<p>TUITION AND ACADEMIC FEES WILL LIKELY STAY FROZEN AT MISSOURI'S FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.</p> <p>THAT MEANS NO INCREASE FOR THE 2010-2011 ACADEMIC YEAR.</p> <p>GOVERNOR NIXON SAYS HE'LL HAVE TO REDUCE HIGHER EDUCATION SPENDING BY ABOUT 5 PERCENT, OR \$42 MILLION, FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.</p> <p>EDUCATION LEADERS RECOGNIZED THE CUTS COULD HAVE BEEN STEEPER AND AGREED TO HOLD THE LINE ON TUITION IF NIXON DIDN'T MAKE DRASTIC CUTS.</p> <p>MISSOURI LAWMAKERS AND THE BOARDS AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES MUST APPROVE THE FREEZE.</p>
Education	KOMU News at Six	11/18	6 pm	:30	<p>GOVERNOR NIXON VISITED THE MU CAMPUS TODAY. HE DETAILED AN AGREEMENT HE HOPES WILL HELP COLLEGE STUDENTS.</p> <p>KATE BOYD IS A FOURTH-GENERATION MISSOURI TIGER WHO LOST HER COLLEGE SAVINGS.</p> <p>SHE SAYS SHE'S GLAD TUITION MIGHT NOT INCREASE FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW UNDER GOVERNOR NIXON'S PROPOSENIXON AGREED WITH STATE FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NOT TO RAISE TUITION ONE CENT NEXT YEAR.</p> <p>HOWEVER, NIXON'S BUDGET PROPOSAL WOULD MEAN A FIVE POINT TWO PERCENT CUT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, OR FORTY TWO MILLION DOLLARS.</p> <p>GOVERNOR NIXON SAYS KEEPING EDUCATION AFFORDABLE IS AN INVESTMENT IN MISSOURI'S FUTURE AND ECONOMY.</p> <p>THE LEGISLATURE WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL IN JANUARY.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at Ten	11/19	10 pm	:45	<p>THERE'S HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN JEFFERSON CITY... SOME COULD HAVE</p>

					<p>YOUR NAME ON IT.</p> <p>IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE... BUT ONE IN EVERY 10 MISSOURIANS HAS MISSING MONEY. IN AN UNDERGROUND VAULT IN THE CAPITAL CITY, STATE TREASURER CLINT ZWEIFEL KEEPS PLENTY OF COIN... MORE THAN 550 MILLION DOLLARS...</p> <p>STATE LAW SAYS BUSINESSES MUST TURN OVER ASSETS TO THE STATE IF THERE'S NO CONTACT WITH THE OWNER FOR 5 YEARS. THAT MONEY GOES TO JEFFERSON CITY. AND FROM THERE, THE TREASURER'S OFFICE MUST GET THAT MONEY BACK TO THE OWNER.</p> <p>THE AISLES OF FILES INCLUDE EVERYTHING FROM LEFT OVER BANK ACCOUNTS TO OVERPAID INSURANCE PREMIUMS.. CONNIE JUST WANTED US TO USE HER FIRST NAME.. SHE FOUND MONEY FROM HER FATHER THAT WAS FROM THE 30'S</p> <p>RECENTLY ZWEIFEL'S OFFICE TOLD US ABOUT A SCAM RELATED TO UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.</p> <p>THE STATE TREASURER SAYS HIS OFFICE WILL NEVER ASK FOR YOUR PERSONAL INFO OVER THE PHONE.</p> <p>TO VISIT THE DATABASE, THERE'S A LINK ON OUR WEBSITE, K-O-M-U-DOT-COM.</p>
Government	KOMU News at Ten	11/20	10 pm	:25	<p>GOVERNOR NIXON ANNOUNCED HIS PLAN TODAY TO PUT ANOTHER TUITION FREEZE ON HIGHER EDUCATION.</p> <p>IF PASSED NEXT SUMMER, IT WOULD CONTINUE THE FREEZE ON IN-STATE TUITION STARTED LAST YEAR.</p> <p>SO IN-STATE STUDENTS AT COLLEGES LIKE MOBERLY AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOULDN'T PAY MORE FOR COLLEGE IN THE 2010-2011 ACADEMIC YEAR.</p> <p>COLLEGES COULD STILL INCREASE ACADEMIC FEES AND BWITH LESS STATE APPROPRIATIONS, MOBERLY WILL POSSIBLY HAVE TO MAKE BUDGET CUTS IN HIRING.</p> <p>MOBERLY'S PLAN IS FOR THE CUTS NOT TO AFFECT THE STUDENTS.</p> <p>NIXON SAYS HE'LL PROPOSE THE PLAN TO LEGISLATORS IN JANUARY.</p>

Crime	KOMU News at Ten	11/21	10 pm	:26	<p>INVESTIGATORS SEIZED MORE COMPUTERS AND VIDEOTAPES THIS WEEKEND FROM THE HOME OF A MAN ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ABUSING HIS FAMILY MEMBERS.</p> <p>AUTHORITES RETURNED TO THE HOME OF 77-YEAR-OLD BURRELL MOHLER SENIOR IN INDEPENDENCE.</p> <p>MOHLER, FOUR OF HIS SONS, AND HIS BROTHER ARE FACING VARIOUS CHARGES AFTER SEVERAL FAMILY MEMBERS CLAIMED THE MEN ABUSED THEM AS CHILDREN.</p> <p>ALL THE ALLEGED VICTIMS ARE ADULTS NOW. OFFICIALS SAY THEY BELIEVE SOME OF THE ASSAULTS MAY BE ON THE SEIZED TAPES.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at Ten	11/22	10 pm	:40	<p>A SURVEY FROM THE MISSOURI FARM BUREAU SHOWS A TYPICAL THANKSGIVING SHOPPING LIST COSTS ALMOST TWO DOLLARS LESS THIS YEAR COMPARED TO LAST YEAR.</p> <p>THE SURVEY INCLUDES A THANKSGIVING MENU FOR TEN PEOPLE, WITH AMPLE LEFTOVERS.</p> <p>IN 2008 - - THAT SHOPPING LIST RANG UP 44-DOLLARS AND 50-CENTS.</p> <p>THIS YEAR, THOSE SAME ITEMS TOGETHER COST ABOUT 42-DOLLARS, 50-CENTS.</p> <p>MILK PRICES DROPPED 51 CENTS SINCE LAST YEAR, ALONG WITH LOWER PRICES FOR VEGETABLES AND THE TURKEY ITSELF.</p> <p>A MISSOURI FARM BUREAU OFFICIAL SAYS THE DECREASE IN FOOD PRICES COMES FROM CHEAPER ENERGY TO GROW, PROCESS, AND SHIP FOOD.</p>
Health	KOMU News at Ten	11/23	10 pm	:24	<p>OFFICIALS FROM THE MISSOURI DNR SAY THEY'VE WRAPPED UP A STUDY ON WATER QUALITY AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS.</p> <p>GOVERNOR JAY NIXON ORDERED THE STUDY IN SEPTEMBER.</p> <p>THAT WAS AFTER CRITICISM THE D-N-R DELAYED RELEASING INFORMATION ABOUT HIGH LEVELS OF E-COLI AT THE LAKE.</p> <p>NIXON ALSO ORDERED INSPECTIONS OF</p>

					<p>ENTITIES WITH PERMITS TO DUMP WATER INTO THE LAKE.</p> <p>THOSE INSPECTIONS YIELDED 60 NOTICES OF VIOLATIONS OF MISSOURI CLEAN WATER RULES.</p>
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Ten	11/24	10 pm	:31	<p>THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT DIVVIED UP FUNDING FOR AN ARRAY OF DIFFERENT PROJECTS IN EVERY STATE ACROSS THE COUNTRY.</p> <p>IN TONIGHT'S <i>STATUS OF THE STIMULUS</i> REPORT, WE SHOW YOU WHAT THE MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD AND THE MID-MISSOURI INTERNET CRIMES TASK FORCE ARE DOING WITH THE GREEN.</p> <p>THREE MILLION DOLLARS APPROPRIATED FROM THE STIMULUS ACT WILL RENOVATE THE BUILDINGS TO BE MORE COMFORTABLE AND ENERGY EFFICIENT.</p> <p>CONTRACTORS STARTED ON THE BARRACKS IN SEPTEMBER...AND SAY THE PROJECT WILL TAKE FOUR MONTHS.</p> <p>ANDERSON SAID STIMULUS FUNDS ALSO PAID FOR STAFF TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT UPGRADES.</p> <p>LOG ON TO OUR LINKS AND NUMBERS SECTION OF KOMU-DOT-COM TO SEE A PHOTO SLIDE SHOW FROM CAMP CLARK, AS WELL AS AN INTERACTIVE MAP OF MISSOURI TAX BREAKS BY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.</p>
Health	KOMU News at Six	11/25	6 pm	:29	<p>THE CALLAWAY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS A NEW SCHEDULE FOR ITS H-1-N-1 CLINIC FOR THE FIRST 2 WEEKS OF DECEMBER.</p> <p>NEXT WEDNESDAY, IT OPENS FROM 8:30 A-M TO NOON AND 1:15 P-M TO 3:30 P-M.</p> <p>ON THURSDAY, FROM 8:30 A-M TO NOON AND 1:15 P-M TO 5:30 PM.</p> <p>AND THE WEEK AFTER THAT, IT'S GOING TO BE THE SAME HOURS ON THE SAME DAYS AGAIN.</p> <p>THE CLINIC WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM BETWEEN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AT 49-50 COUNTY ROAD 304 IN FULTON.</p> <p>YOUNGER AGE GROUPS HOLD THE PRIORITY FOR THE VACCINES.</p>

Crime	KOMU News at Six	11/26	6 pm	:27	<p>POLICE ARE CALLING IT A HOAX. THEY SAY A PRANKSTER DIALED AN UN-UNLISTED TELEPHONE NUMBER INSIDE AN ELEVATOR AT A DOWNTOWN OFFICE BUILDING REPORTING A HOSTAGE SITUATION..</p> <p>THAT SET-OFF A CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT ESSENTIALLY SHUT-DOWN THE AREA FOR HOURS. POLICE ARE TAKING THIS VERY SERIOUSLY AND WANT TO CATCH THE PERSON WHO MADE THE CALL..</p>
Education	KOMU News at Ten	11/27	10 pm	:25	<p>WITH WINTER WEATHER RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, STATE OFFICIALS ARE REMINDING PEOPLE ABOUT AN UNSEEN DANGER. THEY SAY MISSOURIANS SHOULD MAKE SURE THEIR FURNACES WORK PROPERLY TO AVOID CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING. BURNING GAS, NATURAL GAS, WOOD AND OTHER FUELS CAN RELEASE CARBON MONOXIDE INTO HOMES. INSPECTIONS CAN HELP PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHIMNEYS HAVE DIFFERENT PROBLEMS THAT CAN LEAD TO FLUE FIRES OR CARBON MONOXIDE PROBLEMS. HE ALSO SAYS IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE VENTING SYSTEMS AND HOT WATER HEATERS INSPECTED.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at Ten	11/28	10 pm	:30	<p>THIS WEEKEND MARKS THE BEGINNING OF CHRISTMAS DECORATING. AND PEOPLE WERE OUT LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT TREE TODAY. STARR PINES HAS HAD HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE OUT TO THE TREE LOT SINCE THIS YEARS THANKSGIVING DAY OPENING. AND THE CHRISTMAS TREE GOES THROUGH QUITE THE PROCESS... PEOPLE CUT DOWN THE TREES.. EMPLOYEES SHAKE THE THE DEAD PINE NEEDLES OFF THE TREE...</p>

					<p>AND THEY BIND IT WITH ROPE READY TO BE TAKEN HOME AND DECORATED.</p> <p>STARR PINES OWNER SAYS THEY HAVE SEEN MORE PEOPLE LOOKING FOR REAL TREES THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE.</p>
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	11/29	10pm	:42	<p>SHAWNEE COUNTY KANSAS DEPUTIES ARRESTED JAMES KRAIG KAHLER OF COLUMBIA THIS MORNING AFTER A 12 HOUR MANHUNT. KANSAS AUTHORITIES SAY THEY'RE HOLDING A FORMER DIRECTOR OF COLUMBIA WATER AND LIGHT FOR MURDER.</p> <p>AUTHORITIES SUSPECT KAHLER OF KILLING HIS ESTRANGED WIFE AND HIS TWO TEENAGE DAUGHTERS YESTERDAY EVENING.</p> <p>HE'S ALSO BEING HELD ON SUSPICION OF ATTEMPTED FIRST DEGREE MURDER IN THE SHOOTING OF HIS WIFE'S GRANDMOTHER.</p> <p>KAHLER WAS THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE WATER AND LIGHT DEPARTMENT IN COLUMBIA. HE LOST THAT JOB AFTER OFFICIALS CHARGED HIM WITH ASSAULTING HIS WIFE IN MARCH.</p> <p>KAHLER IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR AT THE BOONE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT FOR THAT ASSAULT CHARGE ON WEDNESDAY</p>
Drug/Alcohol	KOMU News at Six	11/30	6 pm	1:23	<p>FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS, SOME JEFFERSON CITY CAB DRIVERS HAVE BEEN GIVING YEAR ROUND FREE RIDES HOME TO ANYONE WHO IS TOO DRUNK TO DRIVE.</p> <p>THIS INCLUDES TAXI DRIVER RONALD TOMPK, A FORMER SOLDIER WHO HUNG UP HIS ARMY GREENS AND NOW HELPS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING IN HIS GREEN CAB.</p> <p>LAST YEAR THE FREE RIDES COST THE TAXI COMPANY 11 THOUSAND DOLLARS.</p> <p>ONE LOCAL BEER DISTRIBUTOR REIMBURSED THE COMPANY FOR HALF OF THIS COST.</p> <p>ANOTHER BEER MAKER ALSO PAID FOR PART OF THE COST. IN THE LAST 10 YEARS THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS USING THE SERVICE HAS INCREASED</p>

					<p>FROM 400 TO 25-HUNDRED. MAKING IT HARDER ON THOSE PICKING UP THE COST. LAST NEW YEAR'S EVE TOMPK GAVE 40 PEOPLE RIDES HOME AND HE'S EXPECTING MORE THIS YEAR.</p>
Crime	KOMU News at Six	12/1	6 pm	:27	<p>JURY SELECTION BEGAN TODAY IN CLAY COUNTY FOR THE MURDER TRIAL OF HORACE JOHNSON--THE FATHER OF TWO YEAR OLD CORTEZ JOHNSON. HORACE JOHNSON FACES SECOND DEGREE MURDER CHARGES, THE SAME CHARGES A JURY CONVICTED CORTEZ'S MOTHER KEYONDA LUMPKIN ON--- IN SEPTEMBER. CORTEZ JOHNSON DIED IN JUNE 2008. DOCTORS TESTIFIED HE SUFFERED FROM INJURIES ALL OVER HIS BODY AND WAS SEVERELY UNDERWEIGHT AND DEHYDRATED. BLEEDING IN THE SKULL CAUSED HIS DEATH.</p>
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Ten	12/2	10 pm	:25	<p>AS LOCAL BUSINESSES HANG UP THEIR HOLIDAY GREEN -- REAL OR FAKE -- COLUMBIA POLICE ARE REMINDING THEM TO CHECK FOR REAL GREEN IN THEIR CASH DRAWERS. AFTER KOMU 8 REPORTED SEVERAL COUNTERFEIT CASES IN JEFFERSON CITY, COLUMBIA POLICE RELEASED THEIR OWN WARNING TO CITY BUSINESS OWNERS. IN NOVEMBER SOMEONE PASSED COUNTERFEIT BILLS AT TWO BURGER KINGS, EL MAGUEY, A STEAK 'N SHAKE AND A PREMIER BANK BRANCH.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at Six	12/3	6 pm	:26	<p>CHRISTMAS MAY COME A BIT SOONER FOR SOME AMEREN U-E CUSTOMERS. SURROUNDED BY SANTA AND HIS WINTER WONDERLAND--AMEREN ANNOUNCED 500 FAMILIES WILL EACH GET ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR ENERGY GIFT CERTIFICATES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS THAT THE COMPANY IS</p>

					WORKING WITH CHARITIES AND AID ORGANIZATIONS TO IDENTIFY THE 500 FAMILIES--SO THE ASSISTANCE COULD COME TO THOSE WHO MAY NOT OTHERWISE QUALIFY FOR HELP--SUCH AS THE ELDERLY.
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	12/4	10 pm	:22	<p>YESTERDAY WE TOLD YOU SEDALIA POLICE ARRESTED AND CHARGED 27-YEAR OLD SASHA FORTE FOR THE SHOOTING DEATH OF SHAWN CLARK.</p> <p>PETTIS COUNTY JAIL OFFICIALS SAID TODAY THEY RELEASED FORTE WITH PENDING CHARGES.</p> <p>THE SEDALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED A 9-1-1 PHONE CALL FROM FORTE SAYING SHE SHOT A MAN AT HER APARTMENT YESTERDAY.</p> <p>POLICE FOUND 30 YEAR-OLD CLARK DEAD WITH A SINGLE GUNSHOT TO HIS HEAD.</p>
Government	KOMU News at Six	12/5	6 pm	:45	<p>TWO MISSOURI REPRESENTATIVES FILED PROPOSALS TO EXPAND THE <u>TEXTING WHILE DRIVING</u> LAW TO ALL MOTORISTS.</p> <p>CURRENTLY, IT ONLY APPLIES TO PEOPLE 21 AND YOUNGER.</p> <p><u>THE COALITION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY</u> BROUGHT ITS CAMPAIGN TO THE MIZZOU BASKETBALL GAME TODAY.</p> <p>THE COALITION PARTNERED WITH THE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE SEATBELT SAFETY AND SOBER DRIVING.</p> <p>THIS YEAR, IT ALSO INCLUDED TEXTING AND DRIVING IN ITS CAMPAIGN.</p> <p>BASKETBALL FANS WERE ABLE TO STOP BY THE COALITION'S BOOTH AND TRY SHOOTING BASKETBALLS WHILE WEARING "DRUNK DRIVING" GOGGLES.</p> <p>THE COALITION SAYS DRIVERS UNDER 21 REPRESENT TEN PERCENT OF THE DRIVING POPULATION, BUT ARE INVOLVED IN ALMOST 30 PERCENT OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.</p> <p>THE COALITION REACHED ITS GOAL TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DEATHS ON MISSOURI ROADS TO ONE THOUSAND BY 2008.</p> <p>ITS NEW GOAL IS TO REDUCE FATALITIES TO 850 BY 20-12</p>

Consumer Issues	KOMU News at Ten	12/6	10 pm	:25	<p>MISSOURI IS GETTING A BIG ENERGY INVESTMENT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.</p> <p>THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SAYS MISSOURI IS ONE OF 15 STATES PICKED FOR A PLAN TO PRODUCE ADVANCED BIOFUELS.</p> <p>THE PROJECT INCLUDES UP TO 25 MILLION DOLLARS FOR A FACILITY IN ST. JOSEPH.</p> <p>IT'S PART OF THE LARGER NATIONAL EFFORT TO REDUCE U.S. DEPENDENCY ON FOREIGN OIL..</p>
Health	KOMU News at Ten	12/7	10 pm	:25	<p>M-U STUDENTS CAN GET THE H-1-N-1 VACCINE FOR FREE TOMORROW AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT FROM 5:30 TO 8 AT CENTER HALL ON THE CORNER OF KENTUCKY AND PROVIDENCE.</p> <p>THERE ARE ONLY 600 VACCINES AVAILABLE AND M-U HAS MORE THAN 30-THOUSAND STUDENTS.</p> <p>IF VACCINES RUN OUT STUDENTS CAN PLACE THEIR NAME ON A WAITING LIST ON THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER WEBSITE.</p>
Crime	KOMU News at Six	12/8	6 pm	:50	<p>A FORMER MISSOURI HOUSE SPEAKER ACCUSED OF ASSAULTING A WOMAN IN SOUTHEASTERN MISSOURI IS FREE ON BOND.</p> <p>PROSECUTORS CHARGED ROD JETTON MONDAY IN SCOTT COUNTY WITH FELONY SECOND-DEGREE ASSAULT.</p> <p>KOMU 8'S BROOKE HASCH IS HERE WITH THE DETAILS.</p> <p>THE COLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS JETTON TURNED HIMSELF IN ON MONDAY IN JEFFERSON CITY AND WAS RELEASED ON A \$2,500 BOND.ACCORDING TO A PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT, JETTON WENT TO A WOMAN'S HOUSE BACK IN NOVEMBER.</p> <p>THE WOMAN SAYS JETTON STRUCK AND CHOKED HER.</p> <p>JETTON, A 42-YEAR-OLD REPUBLICAN FROM MARBLE HILL, WAS ELECTED TO THE HOUSE IN 2000 AND SERVED AS SPEAKER FROM 2005 UNTIL HE LEFT THE</p>

					<p>LEGISLATURE AFTER THE 2008 SESSION.</p> <p>JETTON NOW WORKS AS A CONSULTANT IN JEFFERSON CITY.</p> <p>THE CURRENT SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, RON RICHARD SAYS IF THE ALLEGATIONS ARE TRUE, JETTON SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE FULL LEGAL AND OTHER CONSEQUENCES OF HIS ACTIONS.</p> <p>JETTON FACES CHARGES IN SIKESTON.</p> <p>NO COURT DATE IS SET YET.</p>
Education	KOMU News at Ten	12/9	10 pm	1:10	<p>MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS SUSPENDED FIVE STUDENTS LAST WEEK FOR REPORTEDLY BULLYING ANOTHER STUDENT.</p> <p>BUT WHEN FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE STUDENTS ASKED WHY... ADMINISTRATORS WERE SHORT ON ANSWERS. THEY BELIEVE THE STUDENTS WERE SUSPENDED NOT FOR WHAT THEY DID BUT RATHER WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE.</p> <p>TONIGHT, OUTSIDE A MEXICO BASKETBALL GAME.. SEVERAL OF THOSE FAMILY MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS HELD A PROTEST.</p> <p>THE SCHOOL LIMITED THEM TO A SMALL SECTION OF SIDEWALK OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL.</p> <p>ON MONDAY, WE REPORTED MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS REDUCED THE SUSPENSIONS FROM TEN DAYS OUT OF SCHOOL TO FIVE.</p> <p>ADMINISTRATORS ACCUSED THE FIVE STUDENTS... ALL BLACK... OF BULLYING A WHITE STUDENT LAST WEDNESDAY.</p> <p>BUT FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHER STUDENTS SAY THE INCIDENT WAS A JOKE.</p> <p>A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE STUDENTS HAS EMAILS AND TEXT MESSAGES BETWEEN BOTH PARTIES AND SAYS THEY ALL HUNG OUT TOGETHER AFTER THE INCIDENT.</p> <p>HAKEEM RAHIM... THE SPOKESPERSON FOR THE STUDENTS... SAYS THE ADMINISTRATION'S PUNISHMENT SHOWS A CLEAR, CONSISTENT, AND OVERT RACISM TOWARD BLACK STUDENTS.</p> <p>HE CITES THE ADMINISTRATION'S LACK OF</p>

					COOPERATION AND EXPLANATIONS.
Drug/Alcohol	KOMU News at Six	12/10	6 pm	:27	<p>SEDALIA POLICE SAY ALMOST HALF OF THE DEFENDANTS FROM LAST WEEKS DRUG SWEEP WILL FACE HARSHER SENTENCING BECAUSE THEY AFFILIATE WITH GANGS.</p> <p>THE SEDALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT WORKS IN A JOINT EFFORT WITH SEDALIA SCHOOLS TO SPREAD AWARENESS OF GANG ACTIVITY.</p> <p>THE POLICE CHIEF SAYS SEDALIA DOESN'T HAVE CLASSIC, VIOLENT GANG ACTIVITY.</p> <p>POLICE SAY A COUPLE MORE SUSPECTS FROM LAST THURSDAY'S DRUG SWEEP HAVE TURNED THEMSELVES IN, BUT THE THREE MEN WITH THE LARGEST BONDS ARE STILL ON THE RUN.</p>
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Ten	12/11	10 pm	:30	<p>AFTER TWO YEARS OF DISAPPOINTING ECONOMIC NEWS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT IN COLUMBIA SAID TODAY SHE'S ENCOURAGED BY BUSINESS IN 2009.</p> <p>AND FOR ONE BUSINESS OWNER THINGS HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER.</p> <p>ARNIE FAGAN OPENED COOL STUFF IN 1988, AND SAYS 2009 WAS A RECORD YEAR.</p> <p>HE PREDICTS SALES WILL BE UP 70 PERCENT AT YEAR'S END.</p> <p>THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR CARRIE GARTNER CREDITS DOWNTOWN'S VARIETY.</p> <p>GARTNER SAYS LOCAL CONSUMER CONFIDENCE IS IMPROVING, AND THAT HAS A LOT TO DO WITH THE SUCCESS OF BUSINESSES IN THE DISTRICT.</p>
Health	KOMU News at Six	12/12	6 pm	:35	<p>AROUND ONE-THOUSAND BOONE COUNTY RESIDENTS CAME OUT TO GET THE H1N1 VACCINATION TODAY.</p> <p>THE BOONE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT RAN THE FOUR HOUR EVENT.</p> <p>IT'S THE DEPARTMENT'S FORTH H1N1 VACCINATION CLINIC, BUT THE FIRST TIME IT'S BEEN OPEN TO EVERYONE.</p>

					<p>THE FINAL NUMBERS REPORT THE CLINIC ADMINISTERED 947 H1N1 VACCINES, 69 SEASONAL FLU VSHOTS AND ONE PNEUMONIA VACCINE.</p> <p>AND KOMU 8 SPOTTED A FORMER MISSOURI POLITICIAN RIGHT AFTER HE GOT HIS H1N1 VACCINE... IF YOU MISSED TODAY'S CLINIC, YOU CAN STILL TO GET VACCINATED.</p> <p>JUST VISIT THE BOONE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN EIGHT A-M AND FOUR-THIRTY P-M.</p>
Drug/Alcohol	KOMU News at Ten	12/13	10 pm	:30	<p>MISSOURI LAWMAKERS HAVE FILED A BILL THAT WOULD REQUIRE A DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION TO BUY CERTAIN OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND ALLERGY MEDICINES.</p> <p>THE GOAL IS TO CUT DOWN ON METHAMPHETAMINE BY RESTRICTING ITS KEY INGREDIENT - PSEUDOEPHEDRINE.</p> <p>BILL SUPPORTERS ARGUE ANY DISRUPTION FOR CONSUMERS WOULD BE MINOR, WHILE THE EFFECT ON METH WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT.</p> <p>BUT CRITICS SAY THE MEASURE WOULD SIMPLY ADD HASSLE TO CLEARING THAT STUFFY HEAD.</p> <p>LAST YEAR, MISSOURI LEGISLATORS PASSED A LAW REQUIRING PHARMACIES TO REPORT THEIR PSEUDOEPHEDRINE SALES ELECTRONICALLY, BUT THE SYSTEM WASN'T FUNDED.</p>
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	12/14	10 pm	:3	<p>GUNSHOTS RANG OUT IN THE PARKING LOT AT THE WALMART ON CONLEY ROAD EARLY THIS MORNING, THE GUNMEN ARE STILL ON THE RUN. POLICE SAY TWO MEN IN ORANGE SKI MASKS APPROACHED A WALMART EMPLOYEE WHEN HE WAS HEADING INSIDE FROM HIS BREAK.</p> <p>THE MEN DEMANDED MONEY.... THE VICTIM SAID NO.</p> <p>THAT'S WHEN SEVERAL RIFLE SHOTS WERE FIRED AT THE WALMART EMPLOYEE.</p> <p>HE WAS HIT IN THE CHEST, BACK, LEFT SIDE AND RIGHT WRIST.</p> <p>THE WALMART WORKER IS IN STABLE CONDITION</p>

					<p>AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL WALMART SPOKESPERSON SAID WE ARE QUOTE "DEEPLY CONCERNED FOR OUR ASSOCIATE."</p> <p>POLICE ARE REVIEWING WALMART'S VIDEO SURVEILLANCE.</p> <p>IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, CALL CRIMESTOPPERS AT 8-7-5 TIPS.</p>
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Six	12/15	6 pm	:40	<p>JOBS WERE THE FOCUS TODAY OF GOVERNOR NIXON'S PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.</p> <p>UNDER A 12 MILLION DOLLAR PLAN, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES, WOULD APPLY FOR GRANTS FOR HIGH TECH JOB TRAINING. NIXON ALSO OUTLINED HIS PLAN TO INVEST IN SCIENCE.</p> <p>NIXON SAYS SCIENCE WILL HELP CREATE COMPANIES, WHICH WILL LEAD TO NEW JOBS.</p> <p>NIXON PLANS ON DOING THIS WITHOUT RAISING TAXES OR AFFECTING THE EXISTING STATE BUDGET.</p> <p>THE PLAN WILL USE MONEY THAT IS ALREADY SET ASIDE - WHICH NIXON SAID WILL TOTAL TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.</p> <p>NIXON SAYS HE HAS NOT DISCUSSED THIS PLAN WITH LEGISLATIVE LEADERS.</p> <p>REPUBLICANS SAY THEY'VE MADE JOB CREATION A PRIORITY THIS COMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION, BUT HAVE NOT YET COMMENTED FORMALLY ON NIXON'S PLAN.</p>
Education	KOMU News at Ten	12/16	10 pm	:26	<p>SEDALIA'S BOTHWELL REGIONAL HOSPITAL WILL GET AN 18-POINT-THREE MILLION DOLLAR EXPANSION.</p> <p>THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVED THE PLAN TODAY.</p> <p>IT WILL INCLUDE A CANCER AND MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING AND A CARDIOVASCULAR CENTER.</p> <p>THE SEDALIA CITY COUNCIL MUST STILL APPROVE THE PLAN BECAUSE BOTHWELL IS A CITY-CHARTERED HOSPITAL.</p> <p>THE HOSPITAL HAS SEEN A 23 PERCENT INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR CANCER TREATMENT IN THE</p>

					<p>PAST THREE YEARS. CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENTS HAVE DOUBLED SINCE 2005.</p>
Drug/Alcohol	KOMU News at Six	12/17	6 pm	:20	<p>EARLY THIS MORNING-- OFFICERS FROM THE NORTH MISSOURI DRUG TASK FORCE AND SEVERAL LOCAL AGENCIES SERVED ARREST WARRANTS FOR THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS. THESE WARRANTS ARE THE RESULT OF A TWO-YEAR UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION. POLICE ARRESTED 22 SUSPECTS TODAY. POLICE ALSO SERVED WARRANTS TO 12 SUSPECTS ALREADY IN PRISON. ADDITIONAL ARRESTS ARE PENDING.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at Ten	12/18	10 pm	:35	<p>A NEW PROGRAM COULD PUT EXTRA CASH IN MISSOURIANS' POCKETS FOR THE NEW YEAR. IN THIS 8 ON YOUR MONEY REPORT, HOW SPENDING COULD MEAN SAVING IN 20-10. ELIGIBLE MISSOURIANS LOOKING TO BUY A NEW HOME NOW HAVE AN EXTRA INCENTIVE TO BUY NEXT YEAR... THEY WON'T HAVE TO PAY THEIR PROPERTY TAXES. IT MIGHT NOT BE TIED WITH A BOW, BUT THE STATE SAYS THIS IS A GIFT FOR FAMILIES. ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS INCLUDE HOMEBUYERS MAKING LESS THAN 98-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR AND BUYING A HOME AFTER THE NEW YEAR. THOSE MEETING THE STANDARDS WONT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT PROPERTY TAXES UP TO ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS</p>
Government	KOMU News at Six	12/19	6 pm	:21	<p>GOVERNOR NIXON SAYS THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SHOULD CONSIDER JOINING THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE. THE BIG TEN ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT IT IS CONSIDERING AN EXPANSION. IT DID NOT MENTION WHICH SCHOOLS IT MIGHT ADD. NIXON SAYS M-U SHOULD BE OPEN TO SWITCHING BECAUSE THE BIG TEN HAS SOME</p>

					<p>EXCELLENT ACADEMIC PROGRAMS. HE ADDED MISSOURI COULD STILL PLAY ARCH RIVAL KANSAS EACH YEAR.</p>
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	12/20	10 pm	:30	<p>A FORMER MID-MISSOURI MAYOR WILL NOT BE TRIED IN HIS HOME-COUNTY. A JUDGE GRANTED A CHANGE OF VENUE TO FORMER CLARK MAYOR KEN STORLA. STORLA IS CHARGED WITH SIX FELONY COUNTS OF SEXUAL CHILD MOLESTATION. HE'LL NOW STAND TRIAL IN JOHNSON COUNTY INSTEAD OF RANDOLPH COUNTY. COURT RECORDS ALLEGE THE VICTIMS WERE STORLA'S YOUNG GRANDDAUGHTERS. STORLA SAYS THE ALLEGATIONS ARE FROM AN ARGUMENT WITH HIS DAUGHTER... SAYING SHE LIVED OFF HIS WEALTH AND BECAME ANGRY WHEN HE CUT HER OFF.</p>
Health	KOMU News at Six	12/21	6 pm	:25	<p>AND YOU CAN'T PLEASE EVERYONE... SO JUST HOW PLEASED ARE MID-MISSOURIANS ABOUT THE SENATE'S HEALTH CARE REFORM MEASURE? OUT OF 5 MILLION MISSOURIANS, MORE THAN 1-POINT-4 MILLION WENT UNINSURED FOR AT LEAST PART OF 2008. EARLY THIS MORNING, THE U-S SENATE PASSED AN 871 BILLION DOLLAR BILL THAT WOULD HELP 30 MILLION AMERICANS GET COVERAGE. IT WOULD PROVIDE TAX CREDITS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES THAT PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE, AND IT WOULD EXTEND COVERAGE TO 30 MILLION MORE AMERICANS</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at Ten	12/22	10 pm	:25	<p>FREE CHRISTMAS TREES! A PAIR OF JEFFERSON CITY BUSINESS OWNERS TEAMED UP WITH THE BOY SCOUTS TO GIVE THEM OUT TODAY IN THE CAPITAL CITY. MIKE BERNSTOETTER RUNS ART'S PEST CONTROL. HE SAID HE AND HIS WIFE WANTED TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE COMMVOUCHERS LIKE THIS</p>

					ENTITLED FAMILIES TO PICK UP A FREE TREE. THAT MADE FOR SOME VERY HAPPY FACES. UNITY.
Crime	KOMU News at Six	12/23	6 pm	:50	<p>THE SITUATION IN LADDONIA LASTED 18 HOURS...RUNNING THROUGH THE NIGHT AND ENDING PEACEFULLY THIS MORNING.</p> <p>WE HAVE TEAM COVERAGE FROM THE SCENE TODAY, ON BOTH THE INVESTIGATION AND ARREST, AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY'S REACTION TO THE STANDOFF.IT ALL STARTED MONDAY NIGHT WHEN AUDRAIN COUNTY SHERIFF GOT A CALL ABOUT A POSSIBLE HOMICIDE.</p> <p>DEPUTIES WENT TO SEARCH CHESTER HARVEY'S TRUCK AND FOUND A BODY INSIDE THE REFRIGERATOR COMPARTMENT.</p> <p>WITH SEARCH WARRANT IN HAND, THEY THEN WENT TO HARVEY'S LADDONIA HOME, BUT HARVEY WASN'T COOPERATIVE.POLICE SAY HARVEY RELEASED HIS WIFE A LITTLE BEFORE 8 A-M AND HIS 14-YEAR-OLD SON WAS THE LAST OUT AT ABOUT 10:30 A-M.</p> <p>THE STAND OFF LASTED 18 HOURS, BUT POLICE SAY THERE'S STILL MORE TO BE DONE.</p> <p>POLICE ARE AWAITING AN AUTOPSY REPORT TO SEE IF THE BODY IN HARVEY'S TRUCK DIED FROM A HOMICIDE ...</p> <p>AS OF NOW, PROSECUTORS ARE CHARGING HIM WITH ABANDONMENT OF A CORPSE AND WITH KIDNAPPING.</p> <p>RIGHT NOW, HARVEY FACES CHARGES OF ABANDONMENT OF A BODY AND KIDNAPPING.</p> <p>HE COULD FACE CHARGES RELATING TO THE DEAD BODY FOUND IN HIS TRACTOR TRAILER.</p> <p>TO STAY UP TO DATE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT KOMU DOT COM.</p>
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Ten	12/24	10 pm	:20	<p>HOLIDAY SHOPPERS FLOCKED TO LOCAL STORES FOR LAST MINUTE GIFTS TODAY ALL ACROSS MID-MISSOURI.</p> <p>RECENT NUMBERS SHOW SALES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON COULD BE BETTER THAN LAST YEAR.</p>

					<p>ANALYSTS WILL LOOK TO THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AS AN ECONOMIC INDICATOR.</p> <p>SHOPPERS COULDN'T HELP BUT NOTICE LESS SHOPPERS AND MORE PARKING SPACES LATE THIS MORNING.SOME SHOPPERS DID EXPECT BETTER DEALS AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at Six	12/25	6 pm	1:15	<p>MISSOURI MEAT AND DAIRY FARMERS ARE STRUGGLING WITH LOW PRICES AND A SURPLUS OF PRODUCT.</p> <p>MILK AND OTHER DAIRY PRODUCTS ARE PART OF DAILY LIFE FOR MOST AMERICANS, BUT THE FARMERS BEHIND THOSE PRODUCTS ARE STRUGGLING TO BREAK EVEN.</p> <p>AGRICULTURE OFFICALS PROPOSED THE "MEAT THE NEED" PROGRAM EARLIER THIS YEAR TO HELP CHANGE THAT.</p> <p>THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF A GOVERNMENT PURCHASE PLAN FOR 75 MILLION POUNDS OF DAIRY, 100 MILLION POUNDS OF PORK AND 100 MILLION POUNDS OF POULTRY.</p> <p>THE PROGRAM WOULD BUY THE PRODUCTS IN THREE INSTALLMENTS OVER A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS.</p> <p>THE FOOD WOULD THEN GO TO FOOD BANKS, SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND OTHER NOT FOR PROFITS.</p> <p>SO FAR THE WHOLE PLAN IS JUST A PROPOSAL.</p> <p>BUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS MOVED ON ITS OWN TO HELP OUT.</p> <p>ANOTHER SOLUTION DISCUSSED BY DAIRY FARMERS IS ESTABLISHING A BASE PROGRAM, WHERE IF FARMERS PRODUCE OVER THEIR BASE AMOUNT OF PRODUCT, THEY WOULD RECEIVE LESS MONEY.</p> <p>BUT OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS, LENZ SAYS THE PUBTHE DAIRY INDUSTRY IS COMPLEX, BUT LENZ IS HOPING THINGS TURN AROUND SO HE CAN KEEP HIS FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS AFLOATLIC COULD BE THE BIGGEST HELP.</p>
Government	KOMU News at Six	12/26	6 pm	:22	<p>GOVERNOR JAY NIXON SAYS HE WANTS TO STRENGTHEN MISSOURI WATER QUALITY ENFORCEMENT FOR THE 2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.</p> <p>NIXON SAYS HIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION</p>

					<p>FOCUSES ON WATERWAYS CONSIDERED THREATENED OR ENDANGERED BECAUSE OF WATER QUALITY.</p> <p>THE LEGISLATION LIMITS WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS AND REQUIRES MORE WATER TREATMENT METHODS.</p> <p>NIXON IS UNVEILING MORE DETAILS ON THE PLAN IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at Ten	12/27	10 pm	:26	<p>NOW THAT CHRISTMAS IS OVER---ITS TIME TO KICK YOUR OLD TREE TO THE CURB.</p> <p>THAT'S AT LEAST ONE OF THE OPTIONS COLUMBIA IS OFFERING.</p> <p>YOU CAN PLACE YOUR WHOLE CHRISTMAS TREE-ORNAMENTS AND ALL-- ON THE CURB AND THE CITY WILL PICK IT UP AND TAKE IT TO THE BIOREACTOR LANDFILL.</p> <p>THE WASTE WILL GO TOWARD GENERATING ELECTRICITY.</p> <p>YOU CAN ALSO DROP YOUR BARE TREE OFF AT THE CITY'S MULCH SITES.</p> <p>SOME OF THOSE TREES WILL BE USED AS COVER FOR WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES HABITATS.</p>
Crime	KOMU News at Six	12/28	6 pm	:30	<p>21 BURGLARIES TOOK PLACE IN COLUMBIA ON CHRISTMAS EVE.</p> <p>THERE ARE NO ARRESTS SO FAR, AND POLICE ARE CONTINUING THEIR SEARCH FOR SUSPECTS.</p> <p>POLICE SAY THEY'VE SEEN MOSTLY SMALL ELECTRONICS LIKE I-PODS AND LAPTOPS TAKEN FROM HOMES.</p> <p>THOUGH BURGLARS HAVE ALSO TAKEN FLAT SCREEN TV SETS ---WHICH POLICE SAY IS SURPRISING CONSIDERING THEIR LARGER SIZE.</p> <p>THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT WANTS YOU TO CALL THE NON-EMERGENCY LINE AT 442-6131 IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSCPIOUS.</p>
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Ten	12/29	10 pm	1:50	<p>NEW NUMBERS SHOW THE RECESSION APPEARS TO BE SLOWING DOWN...</p> <p>BUT ECONOMIC EXPERTS SAY IT'S EFFECTS WILL</p>

					<p>CONTINUE FOR A WHILE.</p> <p>THOSE EXPERTS ALSO SAY THE POWER OF SMALL BUSINESS WILL LEAD OUR COUNTRY OUT OF THE RECESSION.</p> <p>THE PROBLEM IS...</p> <p>SMALL BUSINESSES ARE OFTEN THE LAST TO RECOVER ESPECIALLY IN RURAL COMMUNITIES. RURAL SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS FACE A DIFFERENT GROUP OF OBSTACLES COMPARED TO THOSE IN LARGER CITIES.</p> <p>LIMITED EXPOSURE, A LIMITED CUSTOMER BACCORDING TO THE DISCOVER SMALL BUSINESS WATCH INDEX...</p> <p>FIFTY-FIVE PERCENT OF SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS RATE THE ECONOMY AS POOR... UP FROM FIFTY-THREE PERCENT IN SEPTEMBER AND FORTY-EIGHT PERCENT IN AUGUST.</p> <p>THE INDEX ALSO SHOWS A MERE TWENTY-NINE PERCENT OF SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS SEE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IMPROVING.</p> <p>AS FOR WHEN ECONOMIC RECOVERY HAPPENS... HALF OF THOSE POLLED SAY IT WILL BE MORE THAN A YEAR UNTIL THE ECONOMY STABILIZES WHILE ONLY THIRTEEN PERCENT SAY ECONOMIC RECOVERY WILL OCCUR IN LESS THAN SIX MONTHS.</p> <p>ASE, AND LIMITED RESOURCES ARE ALL HURDLES TO A SUCCESSFUL SMALL BUSINESS.</p> <p>AND JUST WHEN YOU FIND A WAY TO MAKE ENDS MEET.... SOMEBODY MOVES THE ENDS.</p> <p>IT'S NOT ALL BAD NEWS FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS...</p> <p>THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION SET ASIDE CLOSE TO 30-BILLION DOLLARS TO AID THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY.</p> <p>THAT BAILOUT MONEY IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE LENDING TO SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS.</p>
Crime	KOMU News at Six	12/30	6 pm	:45	<p>THERE ARE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MURDER OF A MAN DISCOVERED IN A TRACTOR TRAILER LAST WEEK.</p> <p>AUDRAIN COUNTY SHERIFFS ARRESTED THREE</p>

					<p>MORE ADULTS IN CONNECTION WITH MURDERING <u>JAMES MCNEELY</u>, <u>ROBERT ALLEN</u>, <u>JACKIE MOSS</u>, AND <u>DARRILL LYNN</u> ARE CURRENTLY IN CUSTODY FOR KIDNAPPING MCNEELY.</p> <p>THERE ARE ALREADY FOUR PEOPLE IN JAIL IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOMICIDE.</p> <p>POLICE ARRESTED <u>CHESTER HARVEY JUNIOR</u> AND HIS 19-YEAR-OLD SON <u>CHAD HARVEY</u> LAST WEEK ON CHARGES OF ABANDONING A CORPSE AND KIDNAPPING.</p> <p>TODAY, THE AUDRAIN COUNTY PROSECUTOR ANNOUNCED HE WILL ALSO CHARGE BOTH MEN WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER.</p> <p>TWO JUVENILES--AGES 16 AND 14-- ARE ALSO IN CUSTODY.</p> <p>AUTHORITIES FOUND MCNEELY'S BODY IN A REFRIGERATED TRAILER UNIT THAT BELONGED TO HARVEY ON DECEMBER 22ND IN VANDALIA.</p> <p>COURT RECORDS INDICATE HARVEY TOLD A TIPSTER HE KILLED A MAN HE PICKED UP IN CALIFORNIA.</p>
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	KOMU News at Ten	12/31	10 pm	:35	<p>THE NEW YEAR IS OFTEN SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE.</p> <p>BUT IF YOU CELEBRATE TOO MUCH, COLUMBIA POLICE SAY DON'T PICK UP YOUR KEYS.</p> <p>A NEW D-W-I UNIT WILL BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR DRUNK DRIVERS TONIGHT.</p> <p>THE NEW UNIT IS FUNDED BY A GRANT FOR FULL TIME D-W-I ENFORCEMENT.</p> <p>THE DEPARTMENT APPOINTED TWO OFFICERS FOR THE UNIT ON DECEMBER IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO PARTY FOR THE NEW YEAR, SERGEANT JONES SAYS YOU SHOULD HAVE A TRUSTED SOBER DRIVER, CALL A CAB, OR SOBER UP BEFORE PICKING UP YOUR KEYS.</p> <p>R 14TH - THOSE OFFICERS STARTED THEIR NIGHT SHIFTS THIS WEEK.</p>